

MINUTES
PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING
May 18th, 2023

A public council meeting was held at the Town of Stephenville Town office on Thursday May 18th, 2023. The meeting was also streamed.

Present

Susan Fowlow	Deputy Mayor, Chairperson
Tom Rose	Mayor (virtually)
Laura Aylward	Councillor (virtually)
Tracy Boland	Councillor
Tristan Hulan	Councillor
Lenny Tiller	Councillor
Myra White	Councillor

Staff: Colin Maddock, Chief Administrator Officer
Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Susan Fowlow called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23-140 Tiller/Boland

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

23-141 Aylward/White

Be it resolved that the minutes of May 4th, 2023, public council meeting be approved as presented.

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor White presented the recommendations from the finance committee meeting held on May 15th, 2023.

Property Tax

23-142 White/Tiller

Be it resolved that approval be given to write off Property Taxes in the amount of \$1,361.98.

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Remission of Tax

23-143 White/Hulan

Be it resolved that approval be given to write off Remission of Tax in the amount of \$3,751.14 and provide refunds of \$626.11.

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Accounts Payable Listing April 2023

23-144 White/Aylward

Be it resolved that approval be given to pay accounts payable listing for April totaling \$222,007.64.

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Request for Grant-Hillside Interfaith Cemetery Committee

23-145 White/Tiller

Be it resolved that approval be given to provide the annual contribution in the amount of \$15,800.00 to the Hillside Interfaith Cemetery Committee.

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Cancellation of Contribution Agreement with Stephenville Airport

23-146 White/Tiller

Be it resolved to approve to provide the Stephenville Airport Corporation notification to terminate the Contribution Agreement that was approved by motion no. 23-84. As per Article 1.2 of the agreement on May 19, 2023 the Town of Stephenville will provide the 30 days notification to terminate the agreement.

Mayor Rose, as the sitting ex-officio member on the Stephenville Airport Board of Directors, provided an update on the transfer of the airport to the Dymond Group. He stated the airport was in bankruptcy for seventeen years, and this delayed the process. This past Monday: funds were transferred from the Dymond Group to a trust account with the Airport lawyers, for the purchase of the airport. Dymond has fulfilled the terms of the agreement and the obligations within, including paying off the line of credit, legal, GST, and severance, etc. He stated this is great news for the Town of Stephenville and the airport will start providing funds to the taxpayers of this town. He suggested the deed to transfer to come in short order.

Deputy Mayor Fowlow in response stated, it's an important day, that we waited for. The town will no longer need to financially support the airport but will instead see revenue from taxes and as business starts to happen.

Councillor Tiller sent congratulations to everyone involved in the sale of the airport and is looking forward to Greater NL Partnership fulfilling their promises made to the people of the region.

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Request for Proposal-72 Missouri Drive

23-147 White/Hulan

Be it resolved that approval be given to issue Request for Proposal for the sale of building on the parcel of land located at 72 Missouri Drive.

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Community Grant Program

23-148 White/Mayor Rose

Be it resolved to approve the following Community Grants for the total of \$29,079.34.

Organization	Total
Addiction Recovery Drop In Centre	\$2,500.00
Bay St. George Disc Golf Association - Equipment	\$10,800.00
BSG Mountain Bike Club - Trail Development	\$2,454.19
BSG Vikings Baseball - Equipment	\$700.00
Caribou Curling Club -Ice rink materials	\$1,457.80
Harmon Hustle - Event	\$1,000.00
MADD Bay St. George - Signs	\$1,587.00
North American Indigenous Games: Stephenville Athletics - Travel	\$700.00
Special Olympics - Equipment	\$660.00
Special Olympics - Travel	\$200.00
Stephenville Athletics - Equipment	\$590.00
Stephenville Food Services - Equipment, relocation costs	\$5,828.00
Stephenville Minor Soccer Association - Equipment	\$602.35
Whaleback Nordic Ski Club - Upgrades to Chalet	\$880.60
Total:	\$29,079.34

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Request for Sponsorship- Stephen Awards

23-149 White/Hulan

Be it resolved that approval be given to provide sponsorship in the amount of \$2500.00 to the Stephen Awards Committee.

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Request for Sponsorship- Home, It's Where The Art Is

23-150 White/Aylward

Be it resolved that approval be given to the Town of Stephenville provide sponsorship in the amount of \$15,000 to Home, It's Where the Art is, From inside the Circle/Towns in Tune Filming.

Home It's Where the Heart is will be airing on NTV in the fall 2023 and From Inside the Circle/Towns in Tune is airing on SCETV/PSB in the fall of 2023.

A question was called by Councillor Boland to explain the event; Mayor Rose in response stated Council supported the town twinning with Lake City South Carolina. The Lake City event happened on April 22, 2023 and Stephenville's event will be showcased on June 24, 2023 @ 7:00pm at Stephenville Airport. The event will promote Stephenville, culture, music and culinary talents. Tickets will be available through the Stephenville Food Bank and all proceeds will remain with the food bank. The event will be broadcasted provincially with NTV PBS, SCETV, and will reach 60-70% of US markets.

Deputy Mayor communicated also on June 22 the NL Arts council is hosting their provincial award show at the Arts and Culture Centre. There will be more events taking place in the square on Main Street, to create a weekend of celebration to the Arts and Culture in the province and area.

Councillor Tiller called a question: Does the money cover other related event(s) or just TV advertising. Mayor Rose responded, the sponsorship is for advertising and Marketing only.

In Favor: 6 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, White
Opposed: 1 Tiller Motion Carried

Request for Sponsorship- 45th Stephenville Theater Festival

23-151 White/Boland

Be it resolved that approval be given to provide a sponsorship in the amount of \$15,000 to the Stephenville Theatre Festival 45th Season.

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

Councillor White presented the recommendations from the Planning and Traffic committee meeting held on May 15th, 2023.

205 Carolina Avenue- John Gaulton & Layne McCarthy

23-152 Hulan/White

Be it resolved to approve a permit to complete general maintenance and cleanup and install water hookup, toilets and sinks on the property located at 205 Carolina Avenue, pending approval of Service NL.

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

25-27 Prince Rupert Drive- David Mooney

23-153 Hulan/Aylward

Be it resolved to approve a permit to replace existing signage, in front of the building located at 25-27 Prince Rupert Drive.

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

43 Main Street- Qalipu First Nation

23-154 Hulan/Boland

Be it resolved to approve a permit to occupy office space and erect a 3'x 4' business sign on the building located at 43 Main Street to accommodate a Qalipu First Nation administrative office, pending approval of Service NL.

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

44 Queen Street- Continental Flowers

23-155 Hulan/White

Be it resolved to approve a permit to relocate existing flower & gift shop and complete interior renovations in the space located at 44 Queen Street, pending approval of Service NL.

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

141 Carolina Avenue- Boyd & Bungay Construction Ltd.

23-156 Hulan/Boland

Be it resolved to approve a permit to allow commercial vehicle inspection station to existing business operations in the building located at 141 Carolina Avenue, pending approval of Service NL.
In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

19 Prince Rupert Drive- McCann Home Sales

23-157 Hulan/Tiller

Be it resolved to approve a permit to construct a 48' x 48' building to accommodate two coin operated & one touchless car wash on the property located at 19 Prince Rupert Drive, pending approval of Service NL.
In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Development of Lots - Randy Simon

23-158 Hulan/Boland

Be it resolved to approve Outline Planning Permission to proceed with lot development, phase 1, adjacent to Whalen Crescent as per drawing attached.
In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Mayor Rose made comment we need to ensure that water pressure is sufficient if the demand increases.

135A Maryland Drive Subdivision Agreement - C.N.B Holdings Limited

23-159 Hulan/Boland

Be it resolved approval to sign the Subdivision Agreement with C.N.B Holding Ltd for residential lot development for property located on Maryland Drive Extension as presented. to proceed
In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Rose

The provincial government announced the new Collaborative Care Clinic in Stephenville the tender will close on June 22.

Construction has started on a new transition house for the Newfoundland Aboriginal Women's Network project is estimated to cost 4 million dollar .

SK invests 50 million US into World Energy GH2's Stephenville Hydrogen Plant and it's been announced that World Energy will take acquisition of the Port of Stephenville, anticipated by the end of the month.

College of the North Atlantic held a conference with academic engineering executives from RMD, with institutions from Vancouver to St. John's. The organization is CAMPE. Their presence can be attributed to the prospects of Stephenville with Dymond Group – drone development and Worlds Energy GH2 (Green Energy, this project is the single largest private investment in the history of Atlantic Canada, worth 2 billion dollars)

Proposed to management and public works to erect two Wigwams by June 22 for National Aboriginal Day. The future plans is to have four erected in total to be placed south, east, north and west.

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Boland

She requested an update on the water system, CAO responded, stating the rebuilding of the wells will commence next week.

Sent congratulations to the 2023 Senior Graduates and extended congratulations to Stephenville Primary kindergarten students.

Deputy Mayor also recognized the College of the North Atlantic graduates.

Councillor Tiller

Wished everyone to have a safe long weekend.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

23-160 Tiller/Boland

Resolved that since there is no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:44pm

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried